

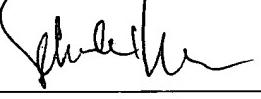
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Claims 1-9 are pending.

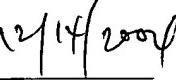
Applicants hereby comply with the requirement of the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121).

Therefore, all pending claims (i.e., Claims 1-9) are allowable over the art of record. If the Examiner has any question regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants at 408-392-9250.

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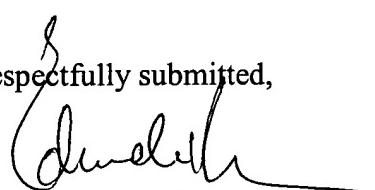


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